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1. ACCORDING TO VERY RELIABLE SOURCE, AND TO LAWZI HIMSELF PUBLISHER AND EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF WEEKLY NEWSMAGAZINE AL HAWADITH SELIM LAWZI HAS JUST RETURNED FROM CAIRO, WHERE HE HAD LONG MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT. LAWZI RETURNS APRIL 16 TO CAIRO AT SADAT'S REQUEST FOR LONGER MEETING AND INTERVIEW. SADAT REPORTEDLY TOOK VERY HARD LINE WITH LAWZI RE USSR, AND THIS WILL BE REFLECTED IN HIS REPORT OF INTERVIEW WHICH MAY NOT APPEAR UNTIL NEXT WEEK. SADAT REPORTEDLY TOLD LAWZI THAT HE BELIEVES USSR TRYING "BREAK HIM" AS POLITICAL FORCE IN MIDDLE EAST AND THAT HE THEREFORE INTENDS FIGHT BACK AS HARD AS HE CAN. LAWZI IMPRESSED BY SADAT'S CONFIDENCE AND APPARENT STRENGTH OF HIS POSITION.

2. COMMENT: HAWADITH HAS VERY LARGE CIRCULATION OUTSIDE LEBANON, PARTICULARLY IN GULF. IT WAS LAWZI AND HAWADITH
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THAT STARTED WHAT APPEARS TO MANY AS "ENASSERIZATION"*

CAMPAIGN LAST SEPTEMBER BY PUBLISHING MEMOIRS OF NAGUIB
IN RESPONSE TO CRITICISMS OF SADAT BY ADHAFI AND HEYKAL.
DECON 4/16/74.
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